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SUBJ: CRIMEA MEETING

1. ROMANIANS AND EASTERN EUROPEAN EMBASSIES HERE GENERALLY EXPRESS IGNORANCE OF ABOVE SUBJECT. WHEN QUERIED BY FRENCH AMBASSADOR AT FRENCH NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION AS TO POSSIBLE NEW CRIMEA MEETING AND WHETHER INVITATION ISSUED TO GOR, ROMANIAN FOREIGN MIN MACOVESCU GAVE NEGATIVE RESPONSES. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER MACOVESCU MEANT THAT NOTHING KNOWN BY GOR OR WHETHER NO ROMANIAN DECISION MADE TO DATE SINCE THERE WAS NO OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE THE SUBJECT.

2. HOWEVER, SOVIET COUNSELOR PESHCHERSKY, WHILE ASSERTING THAT INVITATIONS TO ANY SUCH MEETING WOULD BE HANDLED THROUGH PARTY CHANNELS AND WOULD NOT BE KNOWN TO EMBASSY STAFFS, WENT ON TO ASSUME LIKELIHOOD OF SUCH A MEETING
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LATE THIS MONTH. PESHCHERSKY NOTED THAT ROMANIAN AMBASSA-

DOR TO MOSCOW HAD RECENTLY BEEN CALLED IN BY KATUSHEV AND EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT PURPOSE WAS TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO CEAUSESCU. PESHCHERSKY ALSO NOTED RECENT SPATE OF MAJOR BREZHNEV VISITS AS WELL AS COMPLETION OF FIRST STAGES OF CSCE AND MBFR, ALL OF WHICH WOULD MAKE CONSULTATION USEFUL. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOURCE IS SUFFICIENTLY FREE-WHEELING FOR ABOVE CONCEIVABLY TO BE SOLELY PERSONAL SPECULATION AS ADVERTISED, WE WOULD BE INCLINED TO CREDIT IT AS AT LEAST PARTIAL CONFIRMATION THAT MEETING IS BEING ORGANIZED AND THAT INVITATION WAS DELIVERED TO ROMANIANS AT KATUSHEV-BADRUS MEETING; IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THIS SOVIET OFFICIAL WOULD HAVE VOLUNTEERED THESE VIEWS WITHOUT SOME ASSURANCE THAT THEY HAVE FACTUAL BASIS.

3. UNRELATED TO ABOVE, SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT ROMANIAN PRESIDUM MEMBER, VIRGIL TROFIN, WILL SPEND HIS SUMMER VACATION IN USSR THIS YEAR WHILE A ROUTINE VISIT TO ROMANIA BY LESECHKO FOR PERIODIC COMMERCIAL TALKS IS EXPECTED.
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